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'Love your borough' awards 2011

Waltham Forest's best citizens are honoured at the second annual awards

Hard working and dedicated residents who help make Waltham Forest a better place have been honoured by the Council for their contribution to the borough.

The second annual 'Love your borough' award ceremony took place on Friday 8 April and gave the Council the opportunity to say thank you to the people who work tirelessly to help improve the quality of life of people across Waltham Forest.

There were more than 250 nominations for the 'Love your borough' awards and the judges had their work cut out to decide the winners, who were presented with their awards by former hurdler and sprinter Kriss Akabusi, MBE.

Don Keen, who won an award, told Waltham Forest News: "It was an absolutely terrific evening and one of the best awards ceremonies I've ever been to."

As well as celebrating the work of residents, the awards also gave recognition to three Council employees who have gone over and above the call of duty.

Kelly Harrison, a resident who was nominated for volunteering



The 2011 'Love your borough' award winners were thanked for all their hard work

award, said: "I thought it was a very nice idea to have Council

staff and residents are doing towards working together for

awards in future editions of Waltham Forest News.

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employees getting awards alongside the public awards, as this gave an idea of what

a better borough." You can read more about the Council staff who received

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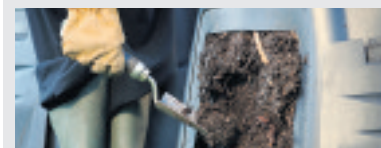


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In my opinion

Margaret Blower

Waltham Forest branch Parkinson's UK



This year the Waltham Forest branch of Parkinson's UK is celebrating its 20th anniversary and in the last week we have also been busy marking Parkinson's Awareness Week, which took place from 11 to 17 April.

Every hour, someone in the UK is told they have Parkinson's. Among them will be people living in Waltham Forest. The good news is that no one has to face Parkinson's alone, because we're here to help.

I first became involved in the Waltham Forest branch of Parkinson's UK in 1998 when my husband Tony was diagnosed with the condition. I took over as secretary of the branch in 1999, shortly after I retired.

We offer friendship, support and advice to everyone affected by Parkinson's. Whether you have the condition yourself or are a carer, friend or family member of someone who has Parkinson's we welcome you.

We have advice leaflets, an Information Support Officer can visit you at home and we also hire minibuses that can pick you up and bring you to our events.

We meet on the third Thursday of every month from 7.30-9.30 pm at Chingford Congregational Church, 161 Chingford Mount Road, E4 8LT. We also offer weekly

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seated exercise classes, an annual holiday trip and day trips in the summer months.

Parkinson's is a progressive neurological condition. People with Parkinson's don't have enough of a chemical called dopamine because some nerve cells in their brain have died. The main symptoms of Parkinson's are tremor, rigidity and slowness of movement.

The symptoms someone has and how quickly the condition develops differ from person to person. Many people with Parkinson's lead active and fulfilling lives. An important part of coping with Parkinson's is understanding how it affects you and how to work around it.

Without the Waltham Forest branch of Parkinson's UK I would have felt very alone. You can come to our meetings and chat, share experiences and ask questions. Lots of people are going through the same thing and are happy to help and support you.

You can visit Parkinson's UK at www.parkinsons.org.uk. To find out about the Waltham Forest Branch you can also phone me on 020 8923 6161.

Want to have your say?

If you live or work in Waltham Forest, have something you'd like to get off your chest, and can do it in around 300 words; Waltham Forest News wants to hear from you. Email the Editor at: walthamforestnews@walthamforest.gov.uk and tell us what you'd like to write about.



Council tax funds help pay for vital services such as street cleaning, parks, social care and schools.

Council tax counts

- Council announces checks on Single Person Discount claims
- Council tax pays for vital services, so you must pay the right amount

Waltham Forest Council will shortly be conducting checks to identify residents who are wrongfully claiming single person discount (SPD) on their council tax bill.

The checks come as part of the Council's ongoing efforts to crack down on fraud and, given the financial challenges it faces, the increased need to make sure the organisation is recouping all the money that it is due.

SPD can be claimed by residents if they are the only person over 18 living at a property, entitling them to a council tax discount of per

cent. The Council's review will examine all SPD claims, and check the information against credit references and information held by other public sector organisations. Where the facts don't seem to add up the Council will investigate, and, if the SPD has been wrongfully claimed, seek repayment – through the courts if necessary.

Legal action will only be taken as a last possible resort, and the Council is encouraging any residents who may have mistakenly claimed SPD to get in touch before checks are carried out. In such circumstances a council tax

bill will be sent out so that the money can be repaid without the matter going to court.

"While the vast majority of SPD claims are valid, there'll be a small minority of residents who are claiming mistakenly and an even smaller number who are knowingly taking both the Council and their fellow taxpayers for a ride," Cllr Afzal Akram, Cabinet Member for Corporate Resources, Business and Employment told Waltham Forest News.

"We'll be sympathetic to residents who've made an honest mistake and get in touch with us early, but those who think they can pull

the wool over our eyes can expect a letter in the post and, in the most extreme cases, an appearance at the magistrates' court."

If you are worried that you cannot pay your council tax you can speak to the Council and see if you are entitled to claim council tax benefit.

More info

If you need to discuss SPD or your council tax bill phone the Revenues and Benefits Team on **020 8496 3000**. For more information visit **www.walthamforest.gov.uk/counciltax**

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“Unsanitary” food premises closed

- Poultry wholesaler closed after inspectors find abysmal standards of hygiene
- Blood spattered walls and evidence of rats concern inspectors

A poultry wholesaler has been ordered to close and clean up its act after food safety inspectors found poor standards of hygiene.

Leepa Halal Foods in Sutherland Road, Walthamstow, had been

warned to improve cleanliness standards in December and stop cutting and preparing meat and poultry until hygiene standards had improved.

But the business was caught cutting poultry again in January, which resulted in

staff being banned from using the bandsaws that were being used to cut the meat. Further complaints were received that cutting was taking place in March.

Officers from the Council's Food Safety Team and the

Food Standards Agency visited the premises on Thursday 7 April to investigate the latest complaint and found hygiene and cleanliness standards had deteriorated considerably since January's visit.

Building work was being carried out and there was dust over food containers, conditions were unsanitary and there was an open drain in the area where food was being prepared. Floors were in a poor condition, walls were found spattered with blood and there was evidence of rats. The staff rest room and changing area was also filthy.

Magistrates approved the closure of the premises on Friday 8 April and ordered the owners to pay costs of £930.

Waltham Forest Council's Cabinet Member for Environment, Cllr Clyde Loakes, told Waltham Forest News: "It beggars belief that a business can be told to improve its standards of hygiene and decide to put the general public at risk by completely ignoring those instructions.

"There is absolutely no excuse for having unhygienic and filthy premises and the owners of food premises need to understand that they have an obligation to protect the health of their customers by working in sanitary conditions.

"We will continue to take robust action against irresponsible business owners to ensure that hygiene standards across Waltham Forest remain high."

More info

To find out more about the Council's Food Safety Team visit www.walthamforest.gov.uk/food. Free internet access is available at all libraries in the borough.



Council officers found a number of problems, including this open drain running through food preparation areas

Waltham Forest
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**WALTHAMSTOW ASSEMBLY HALL
FOREST ROAD, WALTHAMSTOW E17 4JF**

Friday 13 May 2011

Doors open 6.30pm, Show Time 7pm

Admission FREE by ticket only

Tickets available by calling
Waltham Forest Direct
on 020 8496 3000



In brief

Energy bill help

Help is at hand for residents who might be struggling to pay their gas or electricity bills. EDF customers who meet specific criteria can get help from the East London Financial Inclusion Unit (part of Waltham Forest Citizens Advice Bureau), who aim to help people on low incomes pay their fuel bills. You may be eligible for help if you're an EDF customer with an unpaid bill – and your household income is less than £15,000 a year – or if you are getting one of the following benefits: disability living allowance; attendance allowance; pension credit; working tax credit; child tax credit; income support; jobseeker's allowance; housing benefit or council tax benefit.

- If you meet the criteria above phone 020 8509 9311 for more details.

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Referendum on the voting system used to elect MPs to the House of Commons

Look out for your booklet that will be dropping through your door
Visit aboutmyvote.co.uk or call 0800 3 280 280



The
Electoral
Commission

Referendum reminder

It's a last reminder from Waltham Forest News about the UK-wide referendum on voting reform, which takes place on Thursday 5 May. By now you've probably had a booklet on the referendum put through your letterbox and seen the adverts on TV, but, as a reminder, the referendum is on the voting system used for elections to the UK Parliament. The question being put to voters is: "At present, the UK uses the 'first past the post' system to elect MPs to the House of Commons. Should the 'alternative vote' system be used instead?" Polling stations will be open from 7am-10pm. You should have received a card with details of your local polling station. When voting at a polling station, it's helpful to take your poll card with you, but, if you don't have it, don't let that stop you – you can still vote. If you applied for a postal vote, it needs to be received by the Return Officer by 10pm on Thursday 5 May. If you have left it too late to post back, you can drop it off at your polling station or at Waltham Forest Town Hall.

- For more information visit www.aboutmyvote.co.uk or phone the Council's Electoral Services team on 020 8496 3000.

New coroner

A new coroner has been sworn in by Waltham Forest Council to serve the East London Coroner's Jurisdiction. Chinyere Inyama will be based at the Coroner's Court in Queens Road, Walthamstow, and will be responsible for investigating and determining the cause of death when people pass away in unusual circumstances. Mr Inyama was sworn in by the Council's Director of Governance and Law, Terry Osborne, in the presence of the Mayor of Waltham Forest Cllr Masood Ahmad, Council Leader Cllr Chris Robbins and Cabinet Member for Corporate Resources, Business and Employment Cllr Afzal Akram.

- For more information about the work of the coroner visit www.walthamforest.gov.uk/coroners. Free internet access is available at all libraries in the borough.

Our Community

Walthamstow



Photo by Mike Frisby. Back Row: Evacuees John Carter, Ken Bloomfield, Gary Godfrey, Leslie Dvorking. Middle Row: Janet Lord, Pupils from Henry Maynard School, Alun North. Front Row: Pupils from Langham School.

Evacuees go back to school

- Wartime evacuees present commemorative plaque to thank village that took them in
- Children from Walthamstow and Langham learn about life in the Second World War from real people's experiences

In 1939 a group of children from a Walthamstow school were evacuated to the village of Langham in Rutland. Now, more than 70 years later, the evacuees have shown their thanks to the village that took them in and gave them a safe haven.

Les Dvorking, who still lives in Walthamstow, was seven years old when he and his classmates from Maynard Road School (now called Henry Maynard School) left London on 3 September 1939 to escape the risk of bombing during World War Two.

On Friday 8 April this year Les and some of his old school friends returned to Langham, a village near Oakham in Rutland, to present the local primary school with a commemorative plaque that thanks the village for welcoming them with open arms.

Les talks fondly of his time in Langham, remembering the fun he had living in the countryside,

far removed from his urban home. He lived at Rocott Farm with a couple called Mr and Mrs Greaves and fellow evacuee Bernard Payne.

"It was a very different life, two London boys were suddenly surrounded by green and fields and we had a wonderful time living in the country, said Les.

"Mr and Mrs Greaves welcomed us into their home and showed great kindness. They didn't have children of their own and Mrs Greaves always used to refer to us as "my boys".

"I'm glad we've been able to come and give something back to the village, so that they will always know how

much we appreciated all the villagers did for us as children during war time."

When they first arrived the evacuees were accompanied by their Headteacher Miss Widdicombe and other teachers and were taught in the village hall. When they were old enough they attended the secondary school in nearby Oakham.

Les returned to

Walthamstow in 1944, where he has remained ever since. Unfortunately Mr Greaves died not long after the war, but Les kept in touch with Mrs Greaves, and attended her funeral when she died.

At the plaque unveiling ceremony Les was joined by his old classmates Ken Bloomfield, John Carter and Gary Godfrey who have since moved away from Waltham

Forest. Also present was Henry Maynard Headteacher Alun North and some of his pupils and Langham Church of England Primary School Headteacher Janet Lord and some of her pupils.

Three children from Henry Maynard School travelled up to Langham to see first hand just how life changed for the evacuees when they moved from their home in the capital to the countryside.

Alun North, Headteacher of Henry Maynard School, told Waltham Forest News: "We had a lovely day and it really helped the children think about how difficult it must have been for the evacuees to leave behind

their life in London and move to the countryside."

After the unveiling ceremony the evacuees and party from Henry Maynard school joined Langham pupils and staff for a special lunch. Both sets of pupils then had some special lessons about the Second World War and Gary Godfrey and Les Dvorkin talked about their wartime experiences and what it was like to be an evacuee.

Janet Lord, Headteacher of Langham Church of England Primary School said: "We were thrilled and delighted that the evacuees came up to Langham and presented the plaque.

"It was an absolute joy to hear that they had a happy time while they were living in our village and the stories they told the children really helped them to understand more about the war. It really brought the subject to life for the children."



Les Dvorking (back row, second from right), Ken Bloomfield (third row, last on right), Gary Godfrey (second row, last on right) and John Carter (front row, last on right) pictured with other evacuated classmates in Langham.



'Top-up Saturday@Lammas' has proved to be popular with children and their parents

Pupils 'top up' learning

- Students take extra lessons on Saturdays at Lammas School and Sports College
- Fun and innovative workshops support normal school lessons

Hard working pupils are swapping weekend lie-ins for lessons and extra learning at an innovative Saturday school.

'Top-up Saturday@Lammas' attracts more than 100 pupils a week and teaches students through fun workshops designed to reinforce the lessons learned during the regular school week.

Pupils from Lammas School and Sports College and nine local primary schools are placed into four different year groups (year 5, 6, 7 and 8), given a healthy breakfast and then told their timetable and what they will be learning throughout the day.

All of the workshops are based on the Lammas Values, which pupils know as FRED ICE. These values are: friendship, respect, excellence, determination, inspiration, courage and

equality. Nine student leaders are responsible for mentoring, nurturing and acting as role models for the younger children.

Shelly Khaled, Senior Learning Mentor at Lammas, told Waltham Forest News: "The top-up lessons are a

"We also spend the last hour of the day giving the children the chance to do something fun such as rock climbing, trampolining, drama, sports, street dance or music.

"It's popular with parents and the children. One mum

workshops focus on building a positive attitude towards learning and raising aspirations.

Cabinet Member for Children and Young People, Cllr Saima Mahmud, said: "This is a fantastic initiative that really puts the fun into learning and provides a boost to the children who take part.

"It's important that learning is fun and relevant and I am sure the top up sessions will help the pupils taking part and support the school work they do during the week."

"This is a fantastic initiative that really puts the fun into learning."

great way for the children to build on their knowledge in a fun environment and make new friends.

"The focus is on learning while having fun. Pupils recently learned about angles, tension and volumes by making a tower out of spaghetti and English through the use of music and art.

told us she can't get her son out of bed on weekday mornings, but he's raring to go on Saturdays."

As well as maths and English, the sessions also provide ICT workshops that help improve the children's research, communication, influencing, design and teambuilding skills. And personal development

In brief

Willowfield School praised

A Walthamstow School which achieved some of the fastest improving GCSE results in London has been given national recognition for its success. Willowfield Humanities College in Clifton Avenue was commended for its record in improving GCSE results by the Specialist Schools and Academies Trust, a body which represents more than 5,000 schools nationally. The percentage of children receiving five or more A* to C grade GCSEs at Willowfield had improved by 20 per cent in three years, going up to 56 per cent in 2010. High performing pupils included Atiq Tariq who passed 12 GCSEs at A* to A grade and Fajar Rajar who gained 10 A* to A grades.

• For more information about education in Waltham Forest visit www.walthamforest.gov.uk/education. Free internet access is available at all libraries in the borough.



Noor Ul Islam's spring clean

Pupils from Leyton's Noor Ul Islam Primary School donned their high-visibility jackets and grabbed their litter pickers to take part in Waltham Forest Council's big spring clean last month. The youngsters cleaned an alleyway on Murchison Road, spruced up the pavements outside the shops on Francis Road and litterpicked an alley that links to Dawlish Road. While they were hard at work the pupils spoke to some local residents, who admired the good job the children were doing. Cllr Chris Robbins dropped by to meet the children and thank them for their hard work and also saw some posters that Year 6 pupils had drawn about the benefits of recycling and looking after the environment.

• For more information on Noor Ul Islam Primary email primary@noorulislam.co.uk or phone 020 8558 0786.

Trainee teacher recruitment event

Trainee teachers are being shown the benefits of working in Waltham Forest as part of a drive to recruit more primary school teachers. Waltham Forest Council's School Improvement Provider, Babcock 4S, has been showing potential recruits the borough's schools and giving them the chance to talk to headteachers so they can get an idea of what professional life is like in the borough. A recent event was attended by more than 40 trainee teachers and the next recruitment event will take place at Newport Primary School in Newport Road, Leyton, between 5-6pm on Tuesday 24 May.

• For more information and to attend the event email Sylvia.harper@babcock.co.uk. Free internet access is available at all libraries in the borough.

More info

To find out more about 'Top-up Saturday@Lammas' phone Mr Shelly Khalid at Lammas Secondary School on 020 8988 5860 or email skhaled@thelammas.com.

What's On

Sports and fitness

Active Parks Month

Saturday 1– Tuesday 31 May

Improve your health and well-being for free throughout May. Waltham Forest Council's Green Spaces Team is coordinating a variety of activities, including tai chi, health walks, bowling, running and seated aerobics. Join us to get active, meet new people and enjoy your local park. No previous experience necessary - everyone welcome. Some activities require booking.

To find out more visit

www.walthamforest.gov.uk/parks,
phone Liza Sumpter on
020 8496 2608 or email liza.sumpter@walthamforest.gov.uk



Tang Soo Do - Korean martial arts

Wednesdays, 6.30 - 8pm

Saturdays, 10am - 12 noon.

Wednesdays - St Andrews Church Hall, 153 Colworth Road, E11 1JD.
Saturdays - Leyton Parish Church Hall, Lindley Road, E10 6QT.
Traditional Korean Martial Arts for all ages. £4 per class.

Email mr.mislam@gbtsda.com
or phone 07989 338879.

Eton Manor Athletics Club

Tuesdays and Thursdays, 7.15pm

Sundays from 8 May, 10.15am.

Marsh Lane, Leyton, E10 7BL.

A friendly running club for people who "Love2Run" in the south of Waltham Forest. Group runs cater for runners and joggers of all standards. Special sessions for complete beginners are on Tuesdays starting from 3 May. Further details from Club Secretary Steve Dunn.

Phone 020 8521 2508, email etonmanorac2013@gmail.com
or visit www.eton-manor.com.
Or just turn up.

Love 2 Walk power walking sessions

Normal Pace - Tuesday and Sunday 10-11am.

Slow Pace - Thursday and Sunday, 11am-12pm.

Meet in Ridgeway Park Gym area,

off Peel Close, Chingford, E4 6XU.

For all people, start with light stretching and gym workout and a cool down. £2 a session, weather permitting.

For more info phone Dawn on 07957 171341, email blacnblanc@live.co.uk or visit www.blacnblanco.co.uk.

Intensive Easter swimming lessons

Monday 11 April – Friday 15 April.

The Community Pool, Waltham Forest College, Forest Road, Walthamstow. Half an hour lessons, every day for a week. Costs £30 for group sessions, £75 for one to one.

For more information email info@tritons.org.uk or visit www.tritons.org.uk

Equinox Judo Club

Fridays, Under 8s, 6-7pm

8-15 years, 7-8pm.

The Scout Hut, 66 Larkshall Road, Chingford, E4. £5.00 per session (concessions for families with more than one child attending) and pay as you go, no joining fee.

For more information phone head Coach Roger Woods on 07891 100952 or email tina@tinawoods.orangehome.co.uk

Silverthorn Bowling Club

Saturdays from 1 May,

10.30am-12.30pm.

Calling all young people aged 11-16 years. Learn the art of Lawn Green Bowls. Free Coaching Sessions will take place on Saturday Mornings in May and through the Summer. Parents welcome. Qualified Coaches will be running the scheme.

Apply at our Open Day on 1 May from 10am - 1pm. or by telephoning for appointment 0208 5316619 or 0208 5272919.

Early application advised as spaces will be limited.

Blackhorse and Standard Women's Morris Dance

Most Wednesdays, 8-10pm.

St Gabriel's Family Centre, Havant Road (off Wood Street) Walthamstow E17.

Blackhorse and Standard Women's Morris dancers practice weekly during term time at St Gabriel's Family Centre. New Members always welcome, no experience necessary. See www.blackhorseandstandard.org.uk or ring 020 8527 2926 for further information.

LOASS FC trials

Days and times TBC.

LOASS FC, an FA Charter Standard Community Club, is holding open trials for players of all age groups from 5 years up for all our squads for

next season. The trials will be held in April and unfortunately due to the high interest, only players who have registered will be offered a trial. Full details will be passed onto you upon receipt of your trial application form, which can be downloaded from our website.

For more information about LOASS FC visit our website www.intheteam.com/loass



Yoga drop in class

Tuesdays, 7.30-9pm.

South Chingford Methodist Church Hall, New Road, E4 9EU.

Natures Rhythm yoga includes aspects such as the Moon's cycle, healing sacred sound frequencies- the solfeggio for mind and body detoxification and the grounding of our creative light. The fine-tuning of the chakras, static and dynamic yoga postures. The setting of intentions and empowerment and Yoga Nidra for the fruition of our fullest expression and potential. £8 per session.

For more information visit www.infin8space.com or phone Andrea on 07980 567408.

West Essex Ramblers

Days and times vary.

We are a friendly group with four walks a week on Wednesday, Thursday, Saturday and Sunday. Walks take place both in London and Countryside and vary in length. We also offer coach rambles and holidays. Sorry, no dogs.

For a free sample programme phone 020 8502 1628 or visit www.westessexramblers.org.uk

Yoga for all

Tuesdays, 7-9pm.

Quaker Meeting House, Bush Road, London, E4. Beginners to intermediate level. This is a gentle but strengthening yoga class.

For more information visit www.yoga4birth.co.uk, email info@yoga4birth.co.uk or phone 07976 903003.

Titan Freestyle Martial Arts

Wednesdays, 7-8pm.

Peter May Leisure Centre, 135 Wadham Road, E17 4HR. Titan Freestyle Martial Arts is a fusion of kickboxing, karate and

self-defence. A fun way to burn fat, improve stamina and tone muscles. Students will be taught how to strike and kick safely, using a variety of equipment such as focus pads, kick shields and kick bag. For ages seven and over. Sessions costs £4 for seven-15 years old and £5 for 16 and over. First session free.

Phone Jason on 07764 791982 or Tonya on 07753 744893. Visit www.titanfreestyle.com or email us at info@titanfreestyle.com

Tell us what's on

walthamforestnews@walthamforest.gov.uk

Clubs and community

Arthritis Care Waltham Forest Branch

Last Tuesday of each month, 7-9.30pm.

Jubilee Centre (next to the Leisure Centre), Cathall Road, Leytonstone, E11.

Lots of helpful information, fun and laughter for those suffering from Arthritis. Everyone welcome.

For further information please phone Mrs Thompson on 01277 372 772.



Community Plant Sale

Sunday 1 May, 10am-2pm.

Hawkwood Nursery, 115 Hawkwood Crescent, E4 7UH. It's May Day - time to get growing. Get a helping hand on your veg patch at this locally grown food plants sale and advice from Organiclea. Come along to our first sale of the 2011 season and take a tour round our food growing site. Visit www.organiclea.org.uk for more details.

Miniature steam and electric train rides

Every Sunday from 3 April until 25 September, 2-5.30pm.

Ridgeway Park, Peel Close, off Old Church Road, Chingford E4 6XU. Miniature steam train rides at

Ridgeway Park every Summer Sunday and Bank holiday Monday afternoon. During the school summer holidays, train rides are also available on Wednesday afternoons. Great for Children and grown ups alike. Train rides are available at 50p or £1 per person, depending on the train track in use.

For more information visit www.chingford-model-engineering.com or email chairman@chingford-model-engineering.com

Story Walk

Saturday 14 May, 11am-12noon.

Ridgeway Park, Chingford, E4. Join Waltham Forest Council's Green Spaces Team on this family activity to enjoy some of your favourite nature stories told on a walk around the park. Children must be accompanied by an adult. Please book in advance.

To find out more visit

www.walthamforest.gov.uk/parks,
phone Liza Sumpter on
020 8496 2608 or email liza.sumpter@walthamforest.gov.uk



Waltham Forest Blind Association

Every Tuesday, 1pm-4pm.

Frederic Street Community Centre, Frederic Street, Walthamstow, E17 8AD. Drop-in centre includes social outings, one-to-one advice, mobility training, recreational activities and home visits.

For more information phone 020 8556 0355.

Car boot sale

Every Sunday from

10 April, 9am-4pm.

Leyton Football Club, 282 Lea Bridge Road, E17 7LD. Do you have bric-a-brac, old tools, books, CDs or clothes to sell? Then come along to our car boot sale. Vendors can turn up on the day - £9 cars, £12 vans and £3 to hire a table. Free admission for buyers. **To book a pitch in advance phone 07508 692419.**

Walthamstow Fly-Fishers Club

We are a non-profit-making organisation run by fly-fishermen for fly-fishermen. We welcome new members, subscription costs £12.50 or £5 for concessions. We also produce a bi-annual magazine;

run friendly club competitions where tactical information is freely shared; have meetings, informal evenings and an annual tackle auction and other education and events throughout the year.

For more information visit http://web.me.com/andrewagreen/Site/Walthamstow_Reservoirs.html or email wffc_membership@live.co.uk.



Tell us what's on

Call 020 8496 3000

Culture and crafts

Showstoppers Gang Show 2011

Wednesday 18- Saturday 21 May

The Kenneth More Theatre, Ilford. Scouts and Guides from Waltham Forest take to the stage for their fifth bi-annual 'Gang Show'. Evening performance at 7.30pm and Saturday matinee at 2.30pm. With singing, dance and comedy, it promises to be entertainment for everyone. Tickets cost £9 for adults, £7 for senior citizens and children and £5 for uniformed scouts and guides groups. **Phone the box office on 020 8553 4466 or visit www.showstoppers.org.uk.**

Waltham Forest Pipe Band

Every Friday, 7.30-10pm.

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Our Community



Love Your Borough **Awards 2011**

Love Your Borough



Cllr Chris Robbins - Leader of the Council

Leader's introduction

The 'Love your borough' awards gave the Council the opportunity to celebrate the work that our residents, groups, schools, organisations and charities do to improve the environment and quality of life for all of Waltham Forest's residents.

I was delighted that so many of the nominees were able to attend the event at Walthamstow Assembly Hall on 8 April. The awards gave the Council the chance to thank them for their hard work and achievements in the arts, in business, in communities and neighbourhoods to make our borough cleaner, safer and greener - making a real difference to people's lives and ensuring our borough is a better place to live and work.

We had some excellent entries and I would like to thank everyone who voted

and who was nominated for an award.

The evening would not have been complete without a very special guest to join us in our celebration, and we were honoured to welcome former Olympic hurdler and sprinter Kriss Akabusi to the Assembly Hall to help present the awards.

The quality and number of entries we received was a testament to the great work that is done by so many people living in Waltham Forest.

I want to congratulate all of the award winners, their dedication and commitment

"I want to congratulate all of the award winners, their dedication and commitment is an inspiration to us all."

is an inspiration to us all. It is right that the Council should reward residents who go the extra mile and work tirelessly in our community, when



The awards celebrated Waltham Forest's finest

there are so many bad things happening in the world today. I know that everyone

support their efforts and do what we can to improve the quality of life in Waltham Forest.

Finally, I'd like to thank all the sponsors who have fully funded this event and enabled us to celebrate the best this borough has to offer without placing a burden on Council tax payers.

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Community hero award

- A person who has gone above and beyond the course of their paid duties or voluntary work



Steve Drew and John Ayers collect their awards

Joint Winner Steve Drew

Nominated by his employer and parents of children he has worked with, firefighter Steve Drew voluntarily works with children up to the age of 18 to address their fire setting behaviour, as part of the Juvenile Firesetters Intervention Scheme. Without this help and guidance firesetting behaviour

can lead to personal injury and damage to homes and property. Following successful closure of a case, 93% of children have shown no return to firesetting behaviour after his help.

Joint Winner John Ayers

John Ayers has been in the police force since 1970 and rose through the ranks

to Inspector in 1980. John transferred back to the Met Specials in London in 2002. His work has included organising and participating in various robbery, burglary and car crime operations in Walthamstow. Specials commit to patrol for 200 hours per year, but in the last year alone, as well as holding down a full time job, John completed over 900 hours in this voluntary role.

What they said:

Steve Drew told Waltham Forest News: "It was a nice award to receive on behalf of the Fire Brigade and all that is done for the Juvenile Firesetters Intervention Scheme. It was a lovely night and I thoroughly enjoyed myself."

John Ayers said: "It was a great evening, which everyone enjoyed. It was an honour to win the award but it was an award for all my colleagues and not just me."



Members of Bushwood Area Residents' Association (BARA) accept the award

Best residents' association award

- A local residents' association that has promoted community spirit, tolerance and cooperation among local residents.

Winner Bushwood Area Residents' Association (BARA)

BARA introduced a discount card for use in the town centre and has maintained a strong social side organising many events for all ages and backgrounds, which has helped break down barriers of isolation, as well as helping new residents get to know their neighbours.

BARA work with local residents to improve their area by conducting litter picks and planting bulbs. This year they are contributing funds towards materials for the replanting of flowerbeds in the area.

What they said:

Liz Hayman, Chair of BARA, said: "There were more than ten Residents' Associations nominated for this award so we were delighted to win. The BARA Committee

would like to thank all of those who nominated us and all those who have served as Committee Members, Road Representatives and in many other capacities over our 31 year history for their contribution to our success. We would also like to thank Cllrs Clyde Loakes, Marie Pye and Jennie Grey and the Leytonstone Safer Neighbourhoods Team for helping us make Leytonstone a better place to live."



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Go Green school award

- Schools worked along the theme of 'Reduce, Reuse and Recycle' to implement one project that will raise awareness of the issue of resources - natural and man made - to impact the school, local or global environment

Winner
Walthamstow School for Girls

Walthamstow School for Girls has begun a two year project to support the Pakistan flood relief project. They are working to build links in the area and have raised a considerable amount of

money by holding fundraising events that have supported the 'Reduce, Reuse, Recycle' philosophy. This has been a whole school scheme that has utilised the varied talents of children, staff and the local community.

What they said:

School Business Manager Helen Chamberlain said: "It is fantastic to win the

Go Green award, our pupils and staff have worked really hard on the project to raise money for victims of the devastating floods in Pakistan last year.

"The headteacher decided the school should get heavily involved in raising money for victims of the Pakistan Floods because we have a large Pakistani population in the school and we have children here whose families were affected.

"We wanted to help those people less fortunate than ourselves and we decided this should be a significant project so we could get involved in how the money is spent and watch the progress. We also want it to be something educational in character such as rebuilding a school or providing another type of educational establishment."



Walthamstow School for Girls staff were delighted to win the Go Green award



Walter and Beatrice Martin's beautifully tended front garden

Best kept front garden award

- An individual, group or business that has improved their front garden or balcony making Waltham Forest a greener, more colourful borough

Winner
Walter and Beatrice Martin

Helen Learner, of Walthamstow Village Residents' Association, nominated Walter and Beatrice

Martin for the best kept front garden award. Unfortunately the couple were unable to attend the ceremony due to personal commitments.

What they said:

Helen Learner said: "Beatty

and Wally's front garden looks consistently beautiful in every season. Its wonderful seasonal displays give year-round colour and interest and the Martins work very hard to ensure that there is never a weed to be seen or a leaf out of place."

A photograph showing three NSL (Neighborhood Support Liaison) officers in dark uniforms and high-visibility yellow vests walking across a paved area. In the background is a large, multi-story, light-colored building with many windows and a central clock tower. The sky is overcast.

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Olympic and Paralympic sporting achievement award

- An individual or group who has achieved sporting success, or who dedicates their own time to coaching or organising sporting events for people of all ages

Winner Don Keen

Don Keen has been an active member of the Lea Valley Cycling Club organising races, chairing the committee and captaining the cyclists. Don put together a team of cycling novices for the London Youth Games, who went on to win, and pulled this off in

consecutive years. Don's own cycling life has been full and eventful, competing in all distances as well as the prestigious, and gruelling, Paris-Brest-Paris 1,200km event. His hard work, commitment and enthusiasm to tirelessly organise and recruit for cycling events is all the more commendable in light of the fact that in 2003 Don was severely disabled in a scuba

diving accident that left him paralysed and unable to even sit up alone. Don - an eternal optimist - had a different take on the doctor's reality, and is now walking and still cycles.

What they said:

"I felt like the proudest man in Walthamstow," Don told Waltham Forest News. "It was an absolutely terrific evening and one of the best awards ceremonies I've ever been to. Also, after winning the award I spoke to the headteacher at Lammas School and he's asked us to work with them to get more of their pupils cycling." Don is also looking forward to the London 2012 Games. "I'm looking forward to it like you wouldn't believe," he said. "I've booked my full quota of 20 events and will be spending my whole two weeks holiday there as well as watching the Games on TV!"



Don collects his trophy

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Talented artists from the Waltham Forest Disability Resource Centre were delighted to win the arts award

Arts award

- An individual or group that is involved in or actively encourages others in the community to participate in a creative art project

Winner Waltham Forest Disability Resource Centre (DRC)

The Waltham Forest DRC has an amazing group of disabled artists who have exhibited at the Changing Room Gallery and libraries. They take part in the Walthamstow Arts Trail, where members of the public are always impressed by their talent. Many service

users start art as therapy and the centre now has regular painting, drawing, craft, and digital photography groups.

What they said:

Heather Gower, Chair of the Disability Resource Centre Management Committee said: "It was a lovely evening. Six of us went and we were all absolutely ecstatic to win - it was a total surprise and we

really didn't expect to come away with the award. It was also nice to meet Kriss Akabusi - he was lovely and has such a winning personality." About the DRC's work, Heather said: "People often underestimate the work our disabled artists are capable of - be it drawing, painting, craft or digital photography - but when they see it they're really blown away by the talent."

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Business champion award

- An individual, group or business that has contributed to business improvement in Waltham Forest

Winner
Michael Polledri

Michael has worked tirelessly for the regeneration of the borough as an employer based in the borough and as an investor assisting in the

provision of small business space for numerous small enterprises across the whole borough. Michael recently led on the restoration of Leyton municipal offices creating a scheme that has revitalised an historic and iconic building within Leyton town centre.

What they said:

Michael Polledri told Waltham Forest News: "It is a great honour to receive this very prestigious award, particularly when there are so many exceptional business men and women in Waltham Forest."



Michael Polledri picks up his award



Kelly Harrison, left, and members of The Outward Volunteer Club celebrate their wins.

opportunity and I now plan to do some work with the other award winner in this category and do some voluntary work."

Joint winner
The Outward Volunteer Club

The Outward Volunteer Club enables disabled people who want to volunteer to take part in supported development workshops which include problem solving and teamwork, accessing public transport and even the Games Maker workshops at London 2012 Headquarters.

What they said:

David Russell, from The Outward Volunteer Club, said: "Being recognised by the Council really makes a difference to the people involved in this group; they work very hard to make a difference to their local environment. Most of the volunteers in this group do not often get an opportunity to take part in other activities and this gives them a way to take part in physical activity. Receiving the award alongside services such as the police and fire service was a great recognition and celebration of the work we do."

Improving your neighbourhood award

- An individual, group or business that works within their area to improve the environment; helping to make the borough cleaner and greener

Joint winner
Kelly Harrison

Kelly Harrison has worked tirelessly to improve the cleanliness and safety of Higham Hill, including giving evidence to the Council's planning team in their fight to get an illegal social club closed down, supporting local businesses, having yellow

lines extended on dangerous junctions and making useful and practical suggestions to help keep the Council's streets and pavements in good order.

What they said:

Kelly said: "It was a brilliant night, and very exciting to meet Kriss Akabusi. He was a very inspirational speaker and put a lot of thought into what he was saying. The evening was also a really good networking

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Volunteer of the year award

- An individual who has made an outstanding contribution to their community by giving up their personal time and energy to make Waltham Forest a better place

Winner
Sarah Humphreys

Sarah Humphreys is a founder member of the East London Out Project (ELOP). ELOP is a grassroots developed and community-led organisation that promotes the mental health, wellbeing, empowerment and equality of lesbian,

gay, bisexual and transgender (LGBT) communities. ELOP provides information, advice, counselling and support services, plus other social and community activities to London's LGBT communities. Sarah is chair of the ELOP board and her volunteer role has included fundraising, liaising with patrons and commissioners, and supervising staff.

What they said:

Sarah said: "It was really nice to have my individual work recognised but also the work of ELOP. The awards were fantastic and well organised, well attended and an all-round enjoyable evening. As a founder member of ELOP it was really nice to see the Council recognising and celebrating having the only LGBT organisation in the borough."



Sarah Humphreys collects her award



Nickie Wilson accepts her award

Making Waltham Forest safer award

- An individual, group or business that has made a contribution to making our communities safer

Winner
Nickie Wilson

Nickie Wilson has worked and trained with many different organisations and local authorities to reduce crime and youth violence through diversionary activities and interventions. Nickie has an extensive knowledge of the gang issues in Waltham Forest and works tirelessly

supporting young people and their families who are involved in gangs or who have been victims of serious youth violence. Nickie works closely with parents whose children have been murdered or injured through serious youth violence ensuring that they receive the support through they need.

What they said:

Nickie said: "I am surprised and honoured to have won

the award. It is lovely to be recognised, because it makes you realise that all your hard work has not gone unnoticed. I'd like to thank the Council, everyone at Circle 33 Housing Trust and all the parents and children who have helped and supported me. This is award isn't just for me, it's for all the people who have worked together so hard to make the community better."

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Community hero award

PCSO Tom Burgess has risen through the ranks to Divisional Superintendent during his seventeen years service for St Johns Ambulance. He volunteered over 750 hours last year treating people with everything from minor injuries to terminal illnesses and life threatening conditions.

Best residents' association award

Aubrey Road Residents' Association was formed to help tackle crime and grime in the area. By bringing the residents together, they managed to reduce crime to almost zero through vigilance. They've improved the general feel of the street by ensuring that litter, fly-tips and graffiti are removed immediately.

Forest Residents' Association has regular talks with local speakers. They organise a summer picnic and Christmas dinner each year and hold regular events for elderly residents. They also send delegates to Safer Neighbourhood Team meetings to discuss safety in the area.

Priory Court Tenants' and Residents' Association has been fundraising for a toddlers' play area on a spot where they used

to be one before the last estate modernisation in the 1990s. The team of residents worked to raised money and can now afford to buy basic equipment.

Go Green school award

Lammas School and Sports College has designed and built a garden with the generosity of local businesses. They now collect food waste and compost it at the school, providing the rich soil needed to grow herbs that will be used in the school kitchen. They also plan to grow a variety of other fruits and vegetables.

Mayville Primary School has designed and produced signs made from wooden pallets for the school's composting area. They now collect and compost school fruit waste. They have also worked to reduce waste by holding a local 'give and take' day.

Best kept front garden award

Nasim Attique from Leyton

Vera Emmings from Chingford

Chris Meigh-Andrews from Walthamstow

Allan and Wendy Tillett from Chingford



Olympic and Paralympic sporting achievement award

LOASS FC was named the London FA Charter Standard Club of the Year in 2009, which was followed up by achieving FA Charter Standard Community Club status, one of only eight teams in London to have this. They have set up a disability team which has produced players for the English national disability squad.

Box 4 Life is a young people's diversion project set up to encourage young people to engage in a constructive sporting activity. Mark Rule is the inspiration who enthusiastically drives the project. The project has attracted Home Office Funding and support from business leaders.

Arts award

Carolyn Abbott was nominated for her work with the E17 Designers network that she created. Many designers and makers

in Walthamstow have benefited economically and socially, finding new friends and colleagues in the local community through the network.

Forest Philharmonic is a community orchestra of professional quality that reaches out to involve local people in music. Ticket prices for their concerts are kept affordable and the orchestra works for free with primary schools and has invited children and parents to attend open rehearsals.

Business champion award

David Pantlin is the Managing Director of Bates of London, a successful laundry company to London hotels. Bates employ over 100 people at their plant on the Argall industrial estate. David was instrumental in establishing the Argall BID and has worked tirelessly to make the BID a success story.



Rob Richier purchased the lease on The Tavern on the Hill, a pub of some notoriety. Rob cleaned up The Tavern and it was renamed The Warrant Officer. He also re-opened the Walthamstow branch of the

Royal British Legion which helps people who have served their country in the armed forces.

Improving your neighbourhood award

Helen Lerner's clean ups are attended by many people and her Christmas carol event is great for all the family. Her work on London in Bloom was recognised with a prestigious award, and her vision for Walthamstow Village has been realised through innovation and creativity.

Anthony Pugh walks around Jubilee Pond, on Wanstead Flats, and picks up the litter left by other people. He also recycles the drinks cans, taking them back home with him to put in his recycling bin.

Volunteer of the year award

Jane Farrier is the Junior Manager for Orion Harriers which has over 300 members. Jane is the key person responsible for coaching, training, mentoring, developing and encouraging the junior members of the club. Since Jane's involvement many young athletes aged eight to 18 have competed at county and national level - in both cross country and track and field.

Tahir Parker is the unit leader for the Walthamstow community first responders for St Johns Ambulance

and the London ambulance service. He is a dedicated volunteer despite working long hours running his own business. He volunteers every weekend to provide emergency care for those who are ill and to support ambulance crews.



Making Waltham Forest safer award

Rajkumar Anton Arulnayagam joined the Metropolitan Police service as a Special Constable last year and from there he chose to work in Waltham Forest where he grew up. He's currently at university but still contributes more than 25 hours a month to make his borough safer.

Jane Powell acted quickly and calmly when two masked gunmen opened fire at Woodford Green Primary School. Headteacher at the school, she rushed the children into the school hall into safety and called an assembly, explaining that the incident was a Police training exercise. This ensured that the children were not frightened or worried. In fact the children were quite excited that the Police (and their dogs) chose to do training outside their school.

Special thanks

Waltham Forest Council would like to thank everyone involved in the Love your borough awards ceremony; in particular the Cooperative Travel, Sports and Events Company and Kriss Akabusi MBE.

The Council would also like to thank all the award sponsors, who fully funded the ceremony, for their support. The Love your borough awards would not have been possible without them.

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Wednesday 18 – Saturday 21 May.

Deaton Theatre, Forest School, Snaresbrook, E17 3PY.

Chapel End Savoy Players will be presenting Gilbert and Sullivan's captivating opera ‘The Sorcerer.’

The show will start each evening at 7.45pm, and the Saturday matinee at 2.30pm. All tickets for Wednesday night, which is a Preview Performance, are £6. Tickets for all other nights are £12 and for the Saturday matinee are £10. Accompanied children under 16 can see any show for £6. There is a 10% discount for 10 tickets or more. Tickets are also available at the door on the night.

For tickets, please call the Box Office on 020 8527 0215 or 020 8529 3143, or email boxoffice@cesp.org.uk.

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Contact Catherine@seams significant.co.uk or visit <http://www.seamssignificant.co.uk>.



E17 Films Workshop

Tuesday 26 April, 8-10pm.

Ye Olde Rose and Crown,

Hoe Street, Walthamstow.

Gemma Rigg, who recently received a grant from the Hitchcock Fund, will speak on the making of Mute the Film. £5 Entry, all welcome.

For more information visit www.e17films.com/workshops.

Waltham Forest Mencap Concert

Saturday 28 May, 7.15pm.

St Mary's Church, Church End, Walthamstow, London, E17 9RJ. Classical music featuring Danielle Mac (violin), Churchfields Singers (children/youth choir), Mike Schirn (tenor), Jonathan Wiseman (classical guitar) and the Leitner-Whiting Trio (piano trio). Tickets cost £10 and £5.

For more information phone 020 8503 2665.

Heathcote Arms Jazz Jam

Wednesdays, 8-11pm.

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Hopeful Monsters Children's Theatre launch

Friday 29 April, 4pm.

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Phone Duncan Robertson on 020 8257 6477 or 07809 443 873 or email duncan.erobertson@gmail.com.

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Toddler group

Tuesdays, 9.15 - 11.15am.

Christ Church, 73 Francis Road, Leyton, E10 6PL. Children under school age who are accompanied by a parent or carer can come and enjoy the fun. We have toys, music, painting, songs and a story. With tea and coffee for the adults and squash for the children. For more information please call Fidou 0208 556 7110.

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For more information phone Nick Gibbs 07973 462 741, look at our website www.kidzklubchingford.co.uk, or search ‘Kidz Klub Chingford’ on Facebook.

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Thursday 21 April 2011, kick off 1pm.

Douglas Eyre Sports Centre, Coppermill Lane, E17.

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To enter a team please email Sab@salaampeace.org or phone 07949 983500.

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Barclay Primary School, 155 Canterbury Road, Leyton, E10 6EJ.

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Wednesday 20 April

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The offence? No waste carriers licence
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- Who?** xxxxxx xxxxxxxxxxxx
Where from? Stratford
The offence? Fly-tipping
The outcome? £400 fine, £679 costs and a £15 victim surcharge
- Who?** xxxxxx xxxxxxxxxxxx
Where from? Brentwood
The offence? Duty of care*
The outcome? £500 fine, £515 costs and a £15 victim surcharge
- Who?** xxxxxx xxxxxxxxxxxx
Where from? Leyton
The offence? Littering
The outcome? £120 fine, £260 costs and a £15 victim surcharge
- Who?** xxxxxx xxxxxxxxxxxx
Where from? Leyton
The offence? Failure to produce waste transfer notes
The outcome? £300 fine, £760 costs £1000 fine, £940 costs and a £15 victim surcharge
- Who?** xxxxxx xxxxxxxxxxxx
Where from? Leytonstone
The offence? Duty of care* and failure to produce waste transfer notes
The Outcome: £350 fine, £480 costs and a £15 victim surcharge
- *Residents have a duty of care to ensure that any waste produced by them is disposed of legally. Failure to ensure that waste is correctly disposed of can lead to prosecution. If you give waste to someone who then fly-tips it you can be prosecuted.

• To find out more about the Council's award-winning 'We're wiping out enviro-crime' campaign visit www.walthamforest.gov.uk/wipeitout Report an enviro-crime by visiting www.walthamforest.gov.uk/report-it or phone Waltham Forest Direct on 020 8496 3000.



Residents can learn how to compost and make good use of organic waste

Get involved in Composting Week

- Education day highlights the benefit of composting and sustainable living
- Event on 5 May coincides with Composting Week

Residents will be able to learn about the benefits of composting at a special day held at the education centre in Kings Road, Chingford, on Thursday 5 May.

The event, which is open from 10am and 3pm, coincides with Composting Week which runs between 1-7 May. The day will highlight the benefits of using compost regardless of whether residents have a window box, garden or allotment.

The day will also offer residents free compost that can be bagged and taken away along with information on composting and the opportunity to bring along and donate or swap any excess plants you may have.

Staff from the London Waste EcoPark will be

on hand to demonstrate how grass cuttings and kitchen scraps from the brown organic waste bins in Waltham Forest are transformed into high quality compost at the EcoPark Compost Centre.

from your own crops.

Attendees will also be able to meet like minded people, chat over a cup of tea and swap any excess plants they may have with others.

Waltham Forest Council's Cabinet Member for

significantly improve the quality of your soil, help to bind in nutrients and make fertilizers more effective and these benefits shouldn't cost a penny.

"We want to show residents how easy it is to compost effectively and demonstrate the benefits of doing so because composting helps to reduce the amount of waste we produce.

"This event will be educational, informative and essential for anyone who wants to learn more about how to get the best out of their garden or allotment."

"We want to show residents how easy it is to compost effectively and demonstrate the benefits of doing so."

Organiclea, which grows and sells organic produce locally and advises people on how to grow their own crops, will also be on hand to chat about food growing. They will also be selling seeds, potting compost and vegetables grown in Chingford as well as offering advice on getting the best

Environment, Cllr Clyde Loakes, told Waltham Forest News: "Composting really does help you get something from nothing because you use organic matter you would otherwise send for recycling to improve the growing conditions in your allotment or garden.

"Using compost can

More info

For more information please phone 020 8496 3000.

Learning with the Litter Muncher

- Fun musical helps pupils learn why it is important to dispose of rubbish properly
- Production marks the end of school environment project



Pupils at Barn Croft Primary put on a performance of The Litter Muncher

Primary school pupils have been learning why it is important they take responsibility of their litter thanks to a fun and interactive play at their school.

The Litter Muncher is set in idyllic Lazy Daisy Village, where everything is lovely and clean.

But when the reliable Litter Muncher, who clears up all their rubbish, gets too tired to collect the rubbish no-one has the faintest idea what to do.

Pupils at Barn Croft Primary School in Brunel road, Walthamstow, performed the musical play on Friday 8 April which ends with the villagers

learning to take responsibility for their own actions and cleaning up their own mess.

The musical, which includes songs such as Big Red Dustbin; Munch, Munch, Munch and What a Load of Rubbish, is the culmination of a project eight and nine year old pupils have been doing about protecting the environment.

Headteacher, Frances Wilson told Waltham Forest News: "The pupils were fantastic and put on a marvellous show for the rest of the school and their parents.

"We have a duty to teach our pupils that the environment is important and their actions can have a great effect on the world we live in.

We want them to care about our environment and do what they can to protect it.

"They have been learning about recycling and reusing items at home as well as the importance of picking up litter. We want to encourage them to be responsible and considerate adults when they grow up."

Pupil Nour ehouda, who played the Litter Muncher, said: "I have enjoyed rehearsing and have tried my best."

Narrator Jake added: "I think that people with dogs should look after the environment and clean up after their pets; sometimes walking to school is like an obstacle course because of all the dog mess."

In brief



Active Parks Month

Residents can get active, have fun and meet new people during Active Parks Month by taking up a bit of healthy exercise in the great outdoors. Waltham Forest Council's Green Spaces Team is coordinating a variety of outdoor activities to mark the month including tai chi, health walks, bowling, running and seated aerobics around the borough that are designed to get you fit and healthy in time for summer. Events are running from 1-31 May and some activities do require booking so get in early.

• For more information visit www.walthamforest.gov.uk/parks or phone 020 8496 3000. Alternatively email liza.sumpter@walthamforest.gov.uk.

Short Break carers

A little time from you - a huge benefit for a child



Want to do something great this year?

You could be a Short Break Carer for a disabled child.

A Short Break Carer is someone who looks after a disabled child for short periods of time on a regular basis. Just a few hours can make a big difference to some disabled children and their families.

A short break can give a disabled child the opportunity to make new friends, try new activities and gain independence.

It gives the families of disabled children a well earned rest from full time caring, lets them get out for the evening, spend time with their other children or just put their feet up.

You get to have fun and the satisfaction of knowing that you are making a difference to a disabled child and their family. All we ask is that you enjoy looking after children and you are able to give some time on a regular basis. We will give you support, training and a regular allowance.

Alternatively, please e-mail susan.buckman@walthamforest.gov.uk or visit www.walthamforest.gov.uk/adoptandfoster

To find out more come along to meet social workers and foster carers at our information session on

Wednesday 27 April

**at: Waltham Forest Town Hall
(Room 3), Forest Road, Walthamstow
E17 4JF (6.30pm-8.30pm)**

to request an information pack call

020 8496 3000

or to speak to the

Fostering Team directly call:

020 8496 2479

(9am-5pm Mon-Fri)



Waltham Forest



Better Housing

Overview

It is everyone's right to live in a property where they feel safe, secure and comfortable. The Council is embarking on an ambitious programme to improve the general conditions of accommodation in Waltham Forest, especially in private rented housing. There is a need to raise the standards that landlords and letting agents have to satisfy, in order for their properties to be 'approved' by the Council. A number of schemes are being proposed/introduced, which will enable the Council to monitor/inspect properties in the borough to ensure they reach the required standards.

LANDLORD ACCREDITATION SCHEME

Waltham Forest Council is part of the London Landlord Accreditation Scheme (LLAS), which is an effective means of improving the private rented sector. The LLAS is founded on the belief that the more knowledge and awareness landlords have about managing their properties, the more likely they will maintain them to a higher standard. This will improve their tenants' safety and health and their businesses will benefit from better knowledge of the law. We hope to:

- Improve the quality of accommodation available in the private rented sector.
- Promote good practice and improve standards in the private rented sector.
- Give advice and support to landlords so they can provide good quality well-managed accommodation.
- Inform landlords about legal proposals, policy or administrative changes, and other matters that might affect them.
- Reduce the number of landlord/tenant disputes needing intervention by Council officers both in relation to property condition and tenancy issues.

- Improve relations between the private rented sector and the Council.

To find out more please visit www.walthamforest.gov.uk/landlordaccreditation

Property Accreditation

To supplement the LLAS which is voluntary, the Council has established its own additional approved property criteria, to reinforce our commitment to raising standards in private rented housing. The Council's property standards reinforce this by developing high standards for the properties. This means that we require properties to meet a basic minimum property standard, before we can accept them for accreditation. These include being free from damp, providing heating and hot water, carpets or appropriate flooring and adequate fire safety standards. There is a fee of £50 per property for accreditation. You can apply by contacting Housing Standards on **020 8496 3000** or housing.standards@walthamforest.gov.uk. The full standards are available at www.walthamforest.gov.uk/landlordaccreditation

As well as tenants benefiting from the scheme, there are also real benefits to participating landlords such as:

- Improved and up-to-date knowledge of the key issues of property management and landlord-tenant legislation.
- Comprehensive reference material about all aspects of letting in the private sector.
- Discounts and preferential opportunities with insurance companies, banks, building societies and building material suppliers.
- Integration with existing Waltham Forest accreditation schemes.
- Increased confidence that their business is 'getting it right'.
- The possibility of direct housing benefit payments to accredited landlords.

HOMEOWNERS

The Council is working with Home Improvement Trust and a number of other organisations, such as Home Improvement Agency and London Rebuilding Society to provide advice and services to people aged 60 and over, who are homeowners or long-term leaseholders, to enable them to make repairs and renovations to their homes. The scheme will work on a referral basis and all applicants will have to

be assessed for suitability, before they can be considered to apply. DABD (uk) will carry out the necessary assessments.

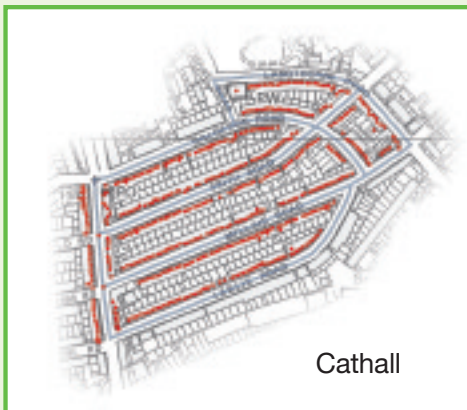
For more information on any of the above schemes, please contact **020 8496 3000** and ask for Housing Standards, or e-mail: housing.standards@walthamforest.gov.uk



Raising the Standards

LICENSING

There have been concerns raised both by local Councillors and residents, particularly in the area close to the Olympic site, that work needs to be carried out to improve standards of Houses in Multiple Occupation (HMOs). It is felt that Olympic visitors will want to visit or stay in Cathall, Leyton, Grove Green and part of Lea Bridge due to the close proximity to the Olympic site in Stratford. We want to ensure that the rented housing within the area is of the highest quality, and one of the ways to do this would be through additional licensing.



As a result, the Council is starting consultation week commencing 18 April about implementing Housing Action Zones (HAZ). Opinion Research Services will be visiting these areas with questionnaires and there will be public consultation events held at Leyton Orient on 1 and 2 June. The HAZ aims to improve many of the problems residents are concerned about in the area, through co-ordinating and focusing Council services. In particular, we will be tackling residents' concerns regarding the high numbers of poor quality properties that are rented, which often have a detrimental impact on their community. To help us ensure that rented accommodation is well managed and meets the necessary standards, we are looking to impose a condition that will require all landlords to apply for a licence to rent accommodation within the HAZ. This requirement for landlords to apply for licences will not come into force until later in

the year and will be dependent on the results of our consultation process. Information on the proposed fees is available on our website at www.walthamforest.gov.uk/housing.

Benefits of the HAZ to:

Homeowners:

- advice on ensuring that you are claiming any benefits you are entitled to, through DABD (uk), an independent agency which promotes independent living.

You may also be eligible for help towards the cost of:

- carrying out works to remove hazards such as damp, pollutants and poor sanitation, for those residents claiming certain benefits
- carrying out works so you can remain in your home (if you have a disability)

We will also improve your environment by:

- licensing rented accommodation
- improving the management of rented accommodation
- listening to your views at resident meetings
- clamping down on fly tipping and graffiti
- ensuring that property extensions meet planning requirements
- reducing anti-social behaviour



Tenants:

- a hazards assessment including damp, pollutants and poor sanitation
- a fire safety assessment for certain types of properties
- advice on ensuring that you are claiming any benefits you are entitled to, through DABD (uk)

We will also improve your environment by:

- listening to your views at resident meetings
- ensuring your landlord carries out repairs to your home if they are needed
- clamping down on fly tipping and graffiti
- ensuring that property extensions meet planning requirements
- licensing rented accommodation
- reducing anti-social behaviour

Public Notices

Highways

LONDON BOROUGH OF WALTHAM FOREST ROAD TRAFFIC REGULATION ACT 1984 - SECTION 14(1) THE WALTHAM FOREST (VARIOUS ROADS, CARRIAGEWAY RESURFACING) (TEMPORARY PROHIBITION OF TRAFFIC AND RESTRICTION ON WAITING AND LOADING) (NO. 1) ORDER 2011 TT26

1. The Council of the London Borough of Waltham Forest HEREBY GIVES NOTICE that on 15th April 2011 it made an Order to enable carriageway resurfacing to be carried out in a safe and efficient manner in certain roads, the general effect of which will be, only at such times and to such extent as regulatory signs are displayed, to prohibit vehicles (except works vehicles) from certain roads and/or restrict waiting and loading by vehicles (except works vehicles) in certain other roads.
2. Whilst the works are being carried out, no person shall cause or permit any vehicle to enter, proceed, wait or load for any purpose, at any time, in the following roads or sections of roads:-
- (a)
- Boardman Avenue E4;
 - Capworth Street E10, between its junction with Manor Road and its junction with Shortlands Road;
 - Devonshire Road E17;
 - Eatons Mead E4;
 - Eve Road E11;
 - Ivy Road E17;
 - Lansdowne Road E17;
 - Leyton Park Road E10;
 - Milton Road E17;
 - Montague Road E11;
 - Norlington Road E10 and E11;
 - Northumberland Road E17;

- Oakhurst Garden E17;
 - Radbourne Crescent E17;
 - St George's Road E10;
 - St Mary's Road E10;
 - The Avenue E4, between its junction with Castle Avenue and its junction with Falmouth Avenue;
 - Valleyside E4; and
 - Wingfield Road E17
- (b)
- Grange Park Road E10;
 - Lawrence Hill E4; and
 - Trevose Road E17.
3. Whilst the prohibitions referred to in paragraph 2(b) above remain in force, alternative routes for traffic will be indicated by traffic signs.
4. Vehicles waiting or loading in disregard of this Order will be removed.
5. The restrictions mentioned above will not apply in relation to any vehicle being used -
- in connection with the said works; or
 - for ambulance, fire brigade or police purposes in an emergency, if the works allow.
6. The Order will come into operation on 30th May 2011 and will be valid for a maximum period of 9 months or until the works are completed, whichever is the sooner.
- NOTE: These works will not be carried out simultaneously in all roads but in a sequence as directed by the Council. Leaflets will be distributed and signage placed in advance of any works in the above mentioned roads which will give more specific details on the exact dates of the prohibitions, effects of any temporary traffic management and diversion routes as necessary.
- Dated 18th April 2011**
Mr K Valavan, Head of Highways and Infrastructure,
Public Realm, Low Hall, Argall Avenue,
London, E10 7AS

Planning

LONDON BOROUGH OF WALTHAM FOREST TOWN & COUNTRY PLANNING (GENERAL DEVELOPMENT PROCEDURE) ORDER 1995 - NOTICE UNDER ARTICLE 8

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the following application for planning permission has been made to the Council for which additional publicity is required.

APPL.NO 2011/0413

APPLICANT Mr Andrew Lipton

ADDRESS 72 - 74 High Street Walthamstow, London E17 7LD

PROPOSAL Demolition of first floor flat at front and single storey unit at rear and redevelopment of site to provide 10 self contained flats in two blocks (8 x 1 bed, 2 x 2 bed) involving provision of car parking spaces.

APPL.NO 2011/0373

APPLICANT Christian Action (Enfield) Housing Association Ltd

ADDRESS L/A 55/75 Wyermead Crescent, Chingford E4 6HN

PROPOSAL Variation of condition of planning permission 2006/0495 to change that the block of 6 flats has been re-positioned approx 200mm closer to existing building at 55 Wyermead Crescent, E4

PLANNING (LISTED BUILDINGS AND CONSERVATION AREAS) ACT 1990 - SECTION 67

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the following application for a building within a Conservation Area has been made to this Authority.

APPL.NO 2011/0407

APPLICANT Mr Andrew Bennett

ADDRESS Summerdown, The Green, Chingford E4 7ES

PROPOSAL Erection of two single storey side extensions and a single storey rear extension. Conversion of property from vet surgery, Use class D1, to residential, Use class C3, 6 bedroom dwelling house.

The application is open to inspection by the Public at the offices of the Development Management, Sycamore House, Town Hall Complex, Forest Road, London E17 4JF between the hours of 9.00a.m. - 5.00p.m. Monday to Friday.

Any representations relating to the application should be made in writing to the Planning Division within 21 days of the date of this Notice.

Dated 18 April 2011

David Scourfield - Development Control
on Behalf of London Borough of Waltham Forest

Licensing

LONDON BOROUGH OF WALTHAM FOREST RESCINDING OF DESIGNATION OF WHIPPS CROSS ROAD AS A LICENCE STREET FOR THE PURPOSES OF STREET TRADING LONDON LOCAL AUTHORITIES ACTS 1990 to 2007 (AS AMENDED) STATUTORY CONSULTATION NOTICE FOR THE PURPOSE OF THE ACT

The Council of the London Borough of Waltham Forest hereby gives formal notice of the following proposed resolution:

'The designation as a licence street for street trading of Whipps Cross Road within the London Borough of Waltham Forest be rescinded in accordance with Section 24 of the London Local Authorities Act 1990 to 2007 (as amended).'

The above resolution is proposed in order to facilitate a shared primary cycle lane and footway access route for the 2012 Olympic Games.

Any persons wishing to make representations regarding the proposed resolution may do so by 16th May 2011 to:

Email: Highways.Enforcement@walthamforest.gov.uk

In writing to: Gareth Jones - Head of Enforcement
Sycamore House, Town Hall Complex
Forest Road, Walthamstow E17 4JF

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E17 4JF (6.30pm–8.30pm)**

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or to speak directly to the
Specialist Fostering Team call:

020 8496 2479
(9am-5pm Mon-Fri)

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www.walthamforest.gov.uk/adoptandfoster

